

HIV/AIDS Case Report Form Collects Additional Information

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The HIV/AIDS case report forms, both adult and pediatric, will begin to collect additional information starting January 1, 2003. The federal government requires that the previous collection of race/ethnicity as one item be separated into race and ethnicity. The only ethnicity being collected is Hispanic/Latino or Not Hispanic/Latino. Each reporter is to select one of these two options. Race has five options, with the ability to select one or more than one. The race options include: American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Black or African American, Native Hawaiian/or Other Pacific Islander, and White. The order is alphabetical.

Coinfections with HIV have become a significant factor in targeting HIV prevention programs and HIV medical services. They may also impact the treatment of HIV and the coinfection. Additional information will be collected regarding diagnosed mental illness not including alcohol abuse, hepatitis B, hepatitis C, and sexually transmitted diseases. Tuberculosis is currently collected.

The new form provides a place to record the names of sex or needle sharing partners and spouses of the last 10 years.

The new case report form will be sent to selected physicians, health departments, hospitals, counseling and testing sites, rural health centers, disease intervention specialists, and the Department of Corrections facilities. The forms will also be on the ISDH website in Adobe Acrobat format at <http://www.in.gov/isdh/programs/hivstd/index.htm>. Click on Case Report Forms and select the adult or pediatric HIV/AIDS Confidential Case Report form. The completed forms must be mailed to:

Office of Clinical Data and Research
Indiana State Department of Health
2 N Meridian Street, 6-C
Indianapolis IN 46209-6336

Business reply envelopes are available by calling 317-233-7406.
